3. Sodium PAS 834 mg+INH 25 mg- a bottle of 100 tablets

4. Thiacitazone 150 mg.+INH 300 mg- a pack of 10 tablets.

5. Streptomycin sulphate 1 gm+ Sodiumethanesulfonate of INH 300 mg per each vial-each vial.

(d) and (e) All combinations of anti-tubercular drugs other than Refampicin and INH are being reviewed by a Sub-committee of experts from the angle of rationality and whether such combinations merit continued marketing. The review/ examination, however, is not complete and the recommendations of the sub-committee will be examined by the Government for taking a final decision in the matter.

Recommendation of the tetracycline and Hydrocortisone for eye treatment

160. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that eye-drops and eye ointments based on Oxytetracycline chlorotetracycline, Demethy-Chlorotetracycline, Gentamycin, Framycetin Betamethasone and Dexamthasone are being used for Trachoma Control Programme and contro of blindness;

(b) whether the Ministry had recommended only Hydrocortisone and Tetracycline for the said programmes;

(c) what are the criteria/basis on which Tetracycline and Hydrocortisone were identified for inclusion under category I under these programmes and other drugs referred to in part (a) above were excluded;

(d) what is the therapeutic indication of eye ointment and eye drops based on each drug and in what manner one differs from the other; and

(e) what are the indications for which central drug authorities have allowed marketing of eye drops and ointments based on each drug?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) The drugs Oxytetracycline, chlorotetracycline, Demethyl-Chlorotetracycline, Gentamycin, Framycetin, Betamethason and Dexamethasone can be used for Trachoma Control Programme and Control of Blindness.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Since the rationale for using antibiotics is to control infection of the eyes and steriods for control of inflammation and since there is not much difference in the spectrum of action amongst the broad spectrum antibiotics and there is hardly any difference in mechanism of action between the two steriods, namely Betamethasone and Dexamethasone it was decided to recommend one antibiotic namely tetracycline and one steriod namely Hydrocortisone under Category-I to meet one of the overall objective of the New Drug Policy, viz. to reduce the span of price control on drugs.

(d) and (e) The therapeutic indication for the antibiotics named in the question is to control infection of eyes, and for the steriods drug ointments is to control inflammation for which indications, these drugs have been approved by the Central Drug Control Authority.

Monitoring and control on the misleading advertisement on the drug

161. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any Government machinery to monitor and control misleading advertisements of drugs;